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Applicant(s): Pulst et al.) Group Art Unit: 1818
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For: NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA-2
 AND PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 202331

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment to the claims:

In the Specification:

At page 6, line 44 kindly correct the spelling of "predisposition."

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 16-23, 24-26, 27-30, 31-36, 38-39 and 41-42.

Kindly add the following claims:

44. (New) A method for identifying individuals at risk for developing spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 comprising the step of:

analyzing the CAG repeat region of a spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 gene wherein individuals at risk for developing spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 have at least about 35 repeats in the CAG repeat region.